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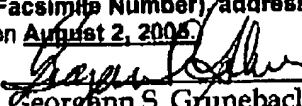
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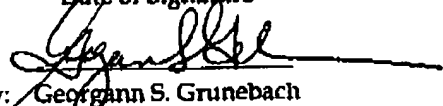
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner Interview conducted on August 2, 2005,
Applicant provides the following:

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Summary of Applicant Initiated Examiner Interview

Per 37 CFR § 133(b), the following is a brief summary of the Examiner interview conducted on August 2, 2005 via telephone between Georgann S. Grunebach (Reg. No. 33,179), Attorney of Record, Martin R. Bader (Reg. No. 54,736) and Examiner Olga Hernandez.

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for her time during the interview. During the interview, independent claims 1, 11, 13 and 22 were discussed in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0178361 (Genty et al.). There were no exhibits shown. There were no claim amendments discussed. Applicant presented arguments that Genty et al. did not teach or suggest "receiving a request to establish a VPN session with a server-side system from at least one client computer out of a plurality of client computers coupled to a modem within a client-side system" and "receiving a new request to establish a new VPN session with a different server-side system from a different client computer out of said plurality of client computers coupled to said modem within said client-side system." Independent claim 1 recites at least two computers coupled to the same modem within a client side system. Similar arguments were presented for the remaining independent claims.


In response to Applicant's arguments, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the final office action and issue either a notice of allowance or a non-final office action on the merits depending upon the outcome of a further search. Therefore, no further response is required by Applicant for the final office action dated June 8, 2005.

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CONCLUSION

Again, Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time during the interview. If there remain any outstanding issues that require action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (310) 964-4615 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: August 2, 2005

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